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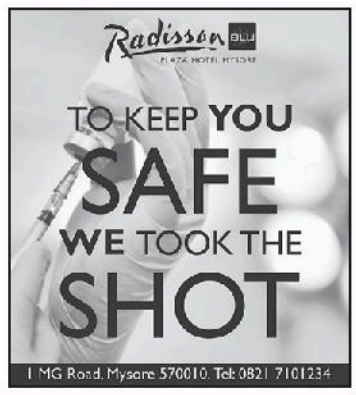

29 Ministers sworn-in

None from Mysuru & 12 other districts

▶ 7 from Bengaluru ▶ No Dy. Chief Ministers

DROPPED

R. Shankar, Srimanth Patil, S. Suresh Kumar, Jagadish Shettar, C.P. Yogeeshwar, Aravind Limbavali and Laxman Savadi

NEW FACES

Sunil Kumar, Araga Gnanendra, Munirathna, Halappa Achar, Shankar Patil Munenakoppa and B.C. Nagesh

Bengaluru, Aug. 4 (DM)- A week after he was sworn-in, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai formed his Cabinet with the induction of 29 BJP Legislators at a ceremony held at Glass House in Raj Bhavan this afternoon.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to 29 new Ministers. The swearing-in ceremony was on when we went to the press.

The Ministry is a mix of old and new faces with six legislators — Sunil Kumar, Araga Gnanendra, Munirathna, Halappa Achar, Shankar Patil Munenakoppa and B.C. Nagesh — becoming Ministers for the first time.

While Bengaluru City has the maximum number of seven Ministers — R. Ashok, V. Somanna, S.T. Somashekar, Byrathi Basavaraj, Munirathna, Gopalaiah and Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan — as many as 13 districts do not have any representation.

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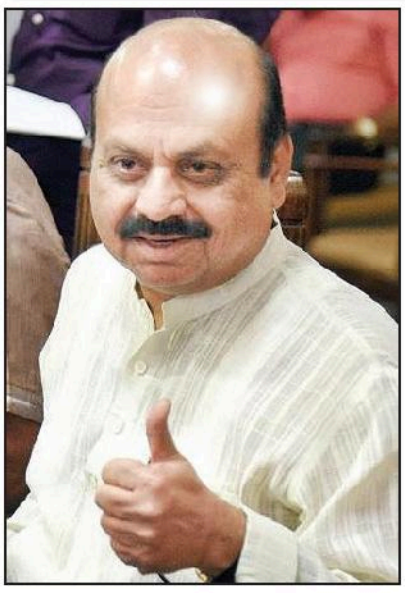

Basavaraj Bommai, CM

List of New Ministers

1. **K.S. Eshwarappa** - Shivamogga
2. **R. Ashok** - Padmanabhanagar (Bengaluru City)
3. **B.C. Patil** - Hirekerur (Haveri)
4. **Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan** - Malleswaram (Bengaluru City)
5. **Umesh Katti** - Hukeri (Belagavi)
6. **S.T. Somashekar** - Yeshwantpur (Bengaluru City)
7. **Dr. K. Sudhakar** - Chikkaballapur
8. **Byrathi Basavaraj** - K.R. Puram (Bengaluru City)
9. **Murugesh Nirani** - Bilgi (Bagalkot)
10. **Shivaram Hebbar** - Yellapur (Uttar Kannada)
11. **Shashikala Jolle** - Nipani (Belagavi)
12. **K.C. Narayanagowda** - K.R. Pet (Mandya)
13. **Sunil Kumar** - Karkala (Udupi)
14. **Araga Gnanendra** - Thirthahalli (Shivamogga)
15. **Govind Karjol** - Mudhol (Bagalkot)
16. **Munirathna** - R.R. Nagar (Bengaluru City)
17. **MTB Nagaraj** - MLC
18. **Gopalaiah** - Mahalakshmi Layout (Bengaluru City)
19. **Madhuswamy** - Chikkanayakanahalli (Tumakuru)
20. **Halappa Achar** - Yelburga (Koppal)
21. **Shankar Patel Munenakoppa** - Navalgund (Dharwad)
22. **Kota Srinivas Poojary** - MLC
23. **Prabhu Chavan** - Aurad (Bidar)
24. **V. Somanna** - Govindarajanagar (Bengaluru City)
25. **S. Angara** - Sullia (Dakshina Kannada)
26. **Anand Singh** - Hospet (Vijayanagar)
27. **C.C. Patil** - Naragund (Gadag)
28. **B.C. Nagesh** - Tiptur (Tumakuru)
29. **B. Sriramulu** - Molakalmuru (Chitradurga)

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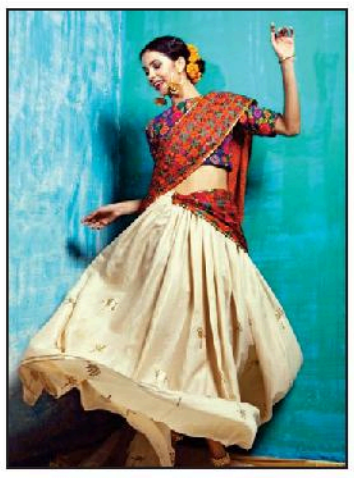
Mysuru, Wednesday 4th August 2021

Fashion Fiesta at SAMRIDHI



With the festive season round the corner, it is time for some shopping fun. SAMRIDHI revisits the fashion savvy Mysuru with its vibrant spirit and fashion forward styles on Aug.6 and 7, at Hotel Quorum, Mysuru, from 10.30am to 8.30pm.

SAMRIDHI gives a wide canvas to explore. It is all about having fun and being spoilt for choice. Jazz up your wardrobe with these urban must-haves.

SAKHI BY THE CHANDRA's is giving a reason to rejoice by launching a special collection for the royal people of Mysuru.

The trendy collection by TRENDITIONAL is a rich amalgamation of rich block prints in bright hues.

Contemporary Jewellery by KUBER COLLECTION is all about being noticed while GUNJAN CREATION will present an exclusive collection of dresses giving an impeccable attention to detail. SAMTA presents a fascinating collection of Bed Linen & Home accessories. SAFETY PINZ will showcase a sizzling collection of Sarees packet with a multitude of robust Indian colours and textures.

A timeless collection of LUCKNOWI KURTIES in pastel shades and Chickenkari work will be on display.

Hair accessories by SIMRAN'S COLLECTION are both chic & alluring. Western wear by HEMANSHI is classy and well fitted. KAJAL KAMDAR will display a stunning collection of salwars and jewellery. ETHEREAL FASHION will present a range of sizzling sarees.

Footwear by SOULFUL, Home Décor, Cast Iron cookware will all add to the glitz and glamour of SAMRIDHI, says Geeta Patel, the Organiser of the show.

Flute recital at Ganabharathi on Aug. 6

Vid. Vamshidhar *Vid.Srinidhi* *Vid.Ravishankar*

Mysuru, Aug. 4- Ganabharathi has organised a flute concert on Aug. 6 at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar at 6 pm. This event will be streamed both in YouTube channel and on Facebook page of Ganabharathi.

Vid. Vamshidhar will be performing on flute accompanied by Vid. Matthur Srindhi on violin and Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The complexity of democracy, resource limitations and demands of the political marketplace are such that politicians often over-promise, sometimes incredibly so. Plus, lofty promises aren't all bad. If politicians are upping expectations among voters, it follows there will be pressure on them to deliver. Disappointing voters has pitfalls: payback awaits on polling day. While dismissing a 2013 PIL opposing Jayalalithaa's freebies to voters, SC had directed the Election Commission to frame guidelines on the content of party manifestos. That exercise went nowhere, thankfully. Umpiring political promises is needless, futile overreach. Politics is the art of the possible. When politicians make impossible promises, they do so by calculating risks and rewards. Voters decide whether the risk was worth it. — In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Plastic bag with air sells for 7,600 dollars

New York: Someone has managed to sell a small plastic bag they claim to contain air from a recent Kanye West listening event for a whopping 7,600 dollars on eBay.

It's no secret that the Kanye West brand is synonymous with commercial success, but not even that explains how someone can pay almost $8,000 for an empty plastic bag simply because it is in some way related to the popular American artist. West recently hosted the much awaited Atlanta DONDA listening event on the Mercedes-Benz stadium in Atlanta, and one fan allegedly lucky enough to be in attendance took the opportunity to make some money out of it. He took a plastic zip-lock bag, labeled it as 'AIR FROM DONDA DROP' on eBay, set the price at $3,330.00 and waited for the bids to roll in. And sure enough, roll they did...

Irked contractor destroys façade of building

Blumberg: After being denied the payment he was promised, a contractor rented an excavator and destroyed the façade of an apartment building he himself had built.

Tenants were supposed to move into a newly completed apartment building in Blumberg, a small town in Germany's Baden-Wurttemberg, in the next couple of weeks, but a bizarre incident has delayed their plans by at least three months. Late last month, a man operating an excavator showed up at the building and began meticulously tearing down the façade, breaking glass windows and destroying balconies, ultimately leaving the place looking like it had been in a war. Strangely, the man responsible for the devastation was allegedly the contractor who had been responsible for building the edifice in the first place. At least 30 apartments were damaged in the bizarre incident, but Excavator Rambo didn't simply stop after destroying the façade.

HEALTH CAPSULE

"Universal control refers to use of well-fitting cloth masks, facemasks, or respirators to cover a person's mouth and nose to prevent spread of viruses, when they are breathing, talking, sneezing or coughing".

By Jeesamol Chandy - Nurse Executive

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New Team of ICAI Mysuru Chapter

Purushothaman *Dr. Trinesha* *Ashok Shetty* *Ashok Kumar*

Mysuru, Aug. 4- The following members were elected to the Managing Committee of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysuru Chapter, for the year 2021-2022:

CMA R. Purushothaman - Chairman; CMA Dr. Trinesha Thimakapura - Vice-Chairman; CMA Ashok Kumar Shetty - Secretary; CMA M. Ashok Kumar - Treasurer; CMA M.B. Chengappa, CMA A.G. Venkatesha and CMA N.R. Desai - Managing Committee Members, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Johnny: *Daddy, are caterpillars good to eat?* ***Father:*** *Have I not told you never to mention such things during meals!*

Mother: *Why did you say that, Junior? Why did you ask the question?* ***Johnny:*** *It's because I saw one on daddy's plate, but now it's gone !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.11
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1 Euro	= Rs. 87.97

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 3
Day's Positive Cases	102	147
Total Positive Cases	1,73,204	1,73,351
Day's Discharges	198	158
Total Discharges	1,69,508	1,69,666
Day's Deaths	4	4
Total Deaths	2,309	2,313
Total Active Cases	1,387	1,372

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Extended central medians causing inconvenience to pedestrians

Sir,

Most of the major roads in Mysuru have well-laid central medians. But unfortunately in many of these roads, the central median extends beyond the zebra crossing at the traffic signal points, causing inconvenience to the pedestrians *(see pic)*.

The height of the median is generally about nine to ten inches and it may be difficult for some pedestrians to manoeuvre the median, especially for the senior citizens.

The authorities concerned should ensure that central medians do not extend up to the zebra crossing point and cause inconvenience to pedestrians.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

Mysuru
27.7.2021

Oral Hygiene and Diabetes

Day-long camp at JSS Hospital tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 4- Oral Hygiene Day is celebrated across India on Aug.1 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. G.B. Shankwalkar, the doyen of Indian Periodontology and Founding-Member of Indian Society of Periodontology.

Dr. Anitha *Dr. Suneeth Shetty*

A Special Interest Group (SIG) on Diabetes and Oral Care is formed as a unit of JSS Dental College and Hospital, Mysuru, with a team of Dentists, Physicians, Microbiologist, Biochemist and Pharmacologist.

The SIG team is involved in educating the masses, organising conferences for dental students and faculty, oral screening, treatment and research related to the same. SIG has two clinics at: **1.** Department of Periodontology, JSS Dental College and Hospital, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar; **2.** Department of Dental Science, JSS Multispeciality Hospital, M.G. Road, Agrahara.

Patients needing diabetes and oral care, screening and treatment can contact Dr. Anitha Subbappa, Periodontist/ Gum Specialist - Team Leader; Dr. Suneeth Shetty - Endodontist or Dr. Prasanna Kumar- Physician (JSS Hospital).

As part of Oral Hygiene Day, the SIG Group has organised a one-day camp at JSS Multispeciality Hospital in Agrahara on Aug. 5 from 9 am to 4 pm. Those requiring oral screening can avail the facility.

Uncontrolled diabetes leads to various complications like kidney disease and cardiovascular changes. Impaired wound healing periodontitis (gum disease) is considered a 6th complication of diabetes. Research suggests that gum treatment to an extent reduces blood sugar levels; hence the significance of oral hygiene and dental care.

Oral changes in diabetes

1. Periodontitis (gum disease): Bleeding gums, food lodgement, urge to dig into the pocket, multiple gum swelling/ abscess, pus discharge from gums, loose teeth, pain on chewing, tooth migration; **2.** Dental caries: Untreated leading to swelling within the mouth or on the cheek, chin or face region; **3.** White lesions; **4.** Reduced salivation; **5.** Bad odour (halitosis); **6.** Altered taste sensation; **7.** Burning mouth.

Oral hygiene care

Brush twice daily; Follow correct tooth brushing technique; Use soft bristled tooth brush; Rinse mouth after each meal; Inter-dental brushing as specified by dentist; Regular flossing; Change tooth brush once in 3 months; Tongue cleansing.

Echo of illegal mining in Mandya

Licences of 11 quarries, 22 crushing units cancelled

Many villages close to KRS Dam declared sensitive; mobile squads to check mining

Mandya, Aug. 4 (MR&BCT)- The Mandya District Mining Task Force headed by Deputy Commissioner S. Aswathi and the District Stone Crushers' Regulation Committee have issued orders cancelling the licences of 11 quarries that were operating without an environment clearance certificate and 22 crushing units for violation of norms.

The decision comes close on the heels of Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish pressing for a high-level probe by a Central agency like the CBI to unearth illegal quarrying in the District that has threatened the safety of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam.

Sumalatha has been meeting the highest level leaders in New Delhi urging for impartial scientific investigation by the Central agency and she has mentioned in her memorandums that political-criminal-official nexus is behind the mining activities. The licences of 33 crushing units operating in close proximity to KRS have now been revoked.

Task Force meeting

The Task Force and the Regulation Committee met on July 28 where it was decided to cancel the lease contracts of 11 quarries that failed to produce environment clearance. The cancellation came into effect on July 31.

According to the order, permits of seven crushing units, coming within 100 metres of the main road at Baby Betta Kaval in Pandavapura (close proximity to KRS) violating the safety zone as per Karnataka Stone Crusher Act 2011 have been revoked.

Also, licences of 22 crushers (Form C) which were operating on the basis of a document with the signature of a scientist of the Mines and Geology Department have also been cancelled.

No continuous monitoring

But local residents, green groups and farmers have expressed doubts on this step by the administration. "These steps are only announced through the media but never implemented. It is business as usual after a few weeks and there is no monitoring on a continuous basis," said an environmental activist.

Illegal quarrying and mining is controlled by political leaders and include both the past and present MLAs, cutting across parties and revenue is the mainstay. Hence they get away easily, he reasoned.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Senior Scientist of Mines and Geology Department Padmaja said that 12 cases have been filed in the Courts at Mandya with regard to illegal mining, stocks and transport. "Many more cases are in the process of being filed. From April 2021 till date Rs. 33.73 lakh penalty has been collected from 119 trucks for illegal transport of mined stones," she said.

Mobile squad

The Mining Task Force Crushers' Regulation Committee has also resolved to constitute a mobile squad to operate in Pandavapura, Srirangapatna and Nagamangala taluks of Mandya District to check illegal mining.

The squad will comprise personnel from Revenue, Forest, Panchayat, Police and officials from the Department of Mines and Geology. 11 new checkposts have been established across Mandya to monitor illegal transportation of stones and materials from quarries and mines.

Based on complaints by public, many places in the district have been identified as hotspots of illegal mining and declared as sensitive areas. There will be extra vigil by mobile squad personnel and the Task Force will closely monitor these areas.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Semester results announced

JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, has announced the results of third and fifth semesters BA, B.Sc, B.Com, BBM, BCA and BBA degree examinations of March/ April 2021 on the college website — ***results.logisys.org/jssw*** — according to a press release from Dr. K.V. Suresha, Associate Professor of Commerce Department and Principal of the College.

Appointed as AO of Talakad Mutt

Following a Government direction, the Mysuru Assistant Commissioner has taken charge as the Administrative Officer (AO) of Talakad's Sri Balakrishnananda Samsthana Mutt and its Shakha Mutts. The members of the public are asked to carry out any transactions in respect of Sri Balakrishnananda Mutt at Talakad in T. Narasipur taluk, through the AO, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences to M.V. Prashanth for his thesis 'An Approach for Agricultural Robotic Agents by Using Machine Learning Techniques' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.V. Vijaykumar & Chandrashekar Patil.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	115.44	feet
Yesterday	:	115.15	feet
Inflow	:	6,287	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,320	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,280.61	feet
Inflow	:	5,077	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,500	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,856.55	feet
Inflow	:	6,619	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,136	cusecs

BJP, Cong, JD(S) locked in verbal war on vaccination

Stormy debate in MCC Council over jab shortage, misinformation campaign

Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, who is also the Acting Mayor, is seen addressing the MCC Council meeting yesterday. MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy is also seen on the dais.

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (SBD&BCT)- Instead of its regular business-as-usual meetings, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council yesterday debated lack of vaccine availability in Mysuru and this led to heated exchanges between BJP, Congress and JD(S) Corporators.

While the BJP was accused of favouritism in the constituencies ruled by the party MLAs where only select groups are given preference, the Congress and JD(S) Corporators were accused by the BJP of hiding facts and furthering their political agenda in the name of vaccines.

As soon as the meeting began under the leadership of Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, who is also the Acting Mayor, Corporators raised the issue of vaccine shortage. The issue was raised before the meeting agenda was placed before the Council. Congress members H.M. Shanthakumari and Pushpalatha Jagannath demanded the presence of the District Health Officer in the meeting as requested earlier to seek clarifications on certain aspects. Responding to this, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy said that the DHO was busy in another meeting and as such he has sent a representative to the MCC meeting.

JD(S) Corporators Prema Shankaregowda and SBM Manju, Congress Corporators Ayub Khan, Arif Hussain, Gopi, Shoba Sunil and others alleged that due to vaccine shortage, people are being turned away from the vaccination booths.

JAB PREFERENCE

Taking objection to the vaccination campaigns launched by BJP MLAs in their respective constituencies where party loyalists and voters are given jabs on preference, all the non-BJP Corporators alleged that the MLAs were behaving as if vaccines are their property.

"Every day over 500 tokens are issued to the common man and poor and they leave their daily wage work and come to the booths where only 100 jabs are administered. The entire day's earnings are wasted as they are told to return the next day," Corporators alleged.

They also objected to the use of MLAs' photos and banners at the vaccination booths.

VACCINE HESITANCY

Countering the charge, BJP Corporators said that the MLAs were responsible for the voters of their constituency. "The MLAs are doing their job well and what are your responsibilities as Corporators," questioned M.V. Ramprasad.

BJP Corporators Shivakumar, B.V. Manjunath, M.U. Subbaiah accused the Congress and JD(S) for launching a smear campaign when the vaccines were invented and now are demanding the same vaccine.

"Your party leaders branded the Indian vaccines as BJP vaccines and now you want the same vaccines? Because of the smear campaign launched by your party leaders from the national and local level, vaccine hesitancy has developed," they alleged.

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Responding to the vaccine shortage, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy said that till June 21, 50 percent of the vaccines were supplied both by State and Centre and now the entire stocks are being supplied by the Centre.

Following complaints that vaccine share has been wrongly allotted to certain Assembly segments at the cost of other constituencies, the Deputy Commissioner has ordered equitable distribution of doses to all 11 constituencies, he clarified. Since then, all areas are getting equal supplies, he said.

The Commissioner announced that he would bring to the notice of the DC about the concerns raised by the Council and take measures to address them.

'Woman denied of being city's First Citizen'

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (SBD&BCT)- Amidst the heated debate on vaccines, women Corporators, cutting across party lines, came together to demand the Mayor's post as per the reservation matrix announced by the State Government. They alleged that the Mayor's post has been kept intentionally vacant to deny a chance for women.

The Mayor's post is reserved for General Woman Corporator and the elections have been postponed giving an excuse of COVID. "Today we are meeting in the Council and there in the State hectic lobbying is on for Ministerial berths. It is unfortunate that COVID yardstick for Mayor's election has been imposed to deny a woman the highest post in the city," alleged Prema Shankaregowda.

She was soon joined by Sunanda Palanethra, Shanthakumari, Shoba Sunil, Ashwini Ananthu from different parties who alleged that there had been a breach of privilege. Responding to this, acting Mayor Anwar Baig offered to step down if he had denied women this opportunity.

The Women Corporators told him that they have nothing against him but their grouse was against the system. "A State's CM can be changed but there is no opportunity of changing the Mayor of Mysuru," said Arif Hussain.

Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy clarified that no election can be conducted as per the Government order. "A proposal will be sent to the Government reflecting the sentiments of the Council for speedy elections," he said.

Karikalan couple back as DCFs of Mysuru Division

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (YDS&KS)- Dr. V. Karikalan and K. Kamala Karikalan couple have been transferred as Deputy Conservators of Forests (DCFs) of Mysuru Division for the second time. While Dr. V. Karikalan has been transferred as the DCF (Wildlife), K. Kamala Karikalan has been transferred as the DCF of Mysuru Division.

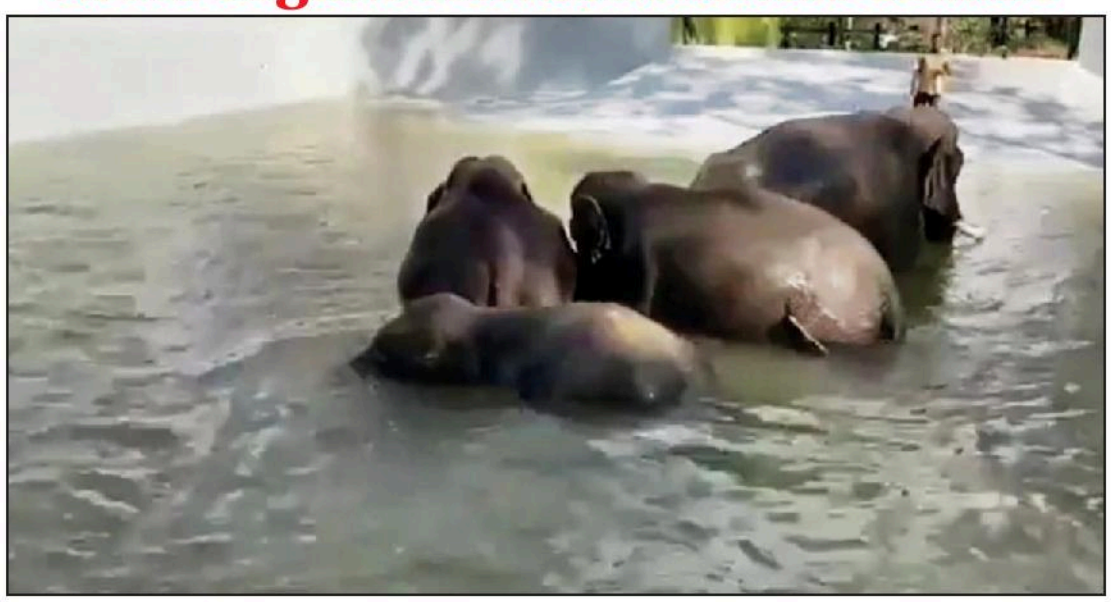
Kamala Karikalan, who was serving as the Executive Director of Karnataka State Forest Development Corporation Limited (Rubber) in Mangaluru, had earlier served as the Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF), DCF (Wildlife) and as the Executive Director of Mysuru Zoo. Dr. Karikalan, who was serving as Mangaluru DCF, had served as the DCF in Mysuru about four years back.

Dr. V. Karikalan

K. Kamala Karikalan

Now, the DCF couple have been transferred back to Mysuru and Mysuru DCF (Wildlife) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar has been transferred as Koppal DCF. Dr. Prashanth had also served as the ACF of Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary.

Swimming pool for elephants
at Koorgalli Rehabilitation Centre



A video grab of elephants enjoying a swim at Koorgalli Rehabilitation Centre.

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (MK&KS) - In a bid to create a natural habitat-like surrounding for elephants, Mysuru Zoo has constructed a huge swimming pool at its Chamundi Animal Conservation, Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Koorgalli on the outskirts of the city. A video of four elephants swimming in the pool has gone viral on the social media and Zoo of Karnataka has also shared a short clip of the video on its Twitter page, which has received widespread appreciation.

Human beings are not the only ones who need water to beat the heat, elephants too love to soak themselves in cool water, when temperature starts to soar. Also, it is common for elephants to experience pain in their joints and body when they cross 60 years of age and this water body will be very helpful for them to ease the pain.

In the water, the elephants enjoy cooling down while "wrestling" with their friends and members of their herd. An elephant's ears also work to cool their bodies down in the heat.

Also, water is an important part of daily life for elephants. In the wild, elephants take regular dips in rivers and other water bodies and are capable of swimming long distances. Experts say that regular "splash sessions" are also important for hygiene and skin care of elephants.

The huge water body at Koorgalli Rehab Centre has been constructed where a small pond existed earlier and five elephants can take a dip in the pool at once, sources at Mysuru Zoo said.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning said that the swimming pool has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh as the small pond which earlier stood in the place of the new swimming pool used to get dry in summer and added that water from the borewell is being used to fill the swimming pool.

The swimming pool was constructed to keep the elephants healthy and the pool will also act as a natural habitat for them, he said. A sum of Rs. 10 lakh has also been spent for the construction of a post-mortem room at the rehabilitation centre, which has a post-mortem table and other equipment, he said.

Though a gigantic swimming pool has been constructed for elephants at Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park in Katraj, Pune district of Maharashtra State much earlier, this is for the first time that a swimming pool has been constructed by a Zoo for elephants in Karnataka.

Leopards spotted at Lalithadripura?

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (YDS&KS)- A photo of a leopard, said to have been spotted in Lalithadripura at the foot of Chamundi Hill, is doing rounds on social media and the Forest Department officials have said that they do not have any information about it.

The photo of the leopard on social media with a message stating that three leopards were spotted at Lalithadripura has created a sense of fear among the residents of Lalithadripura and surrounding places.

Meanwhile, DCF (Wildlife) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar told *SOM* that they had not received any complaints regarding spotting of leopards at Lalithadripura and Forest staff have inspected the said spot and surrounding areas.

During the census undertaken at Chamundi Hill in 2019 through camera traps, only four leopards were spotted and there is no information about the increase in their population, Dr. Prashanth said and added that as Chamundi Hill is a Reserve Forest, leopards have made it as their habitat.

RTO Inspector bribery case: ACB clarifies

Mysuru, Aug.4 (RK&DM)- The ACB (Anti-Corruption Bureau) has clarified that Sajid Abrar Ali, the complainant in the RTO inspector bribery case, in which RTO Motor Vehicle Inspector M.V. Prabhakar was caught along with agent Mahesh while accepting Rs. 77,000 as bribe for issuing Driving Licence a couple of days ago, is the owner of Indian Driving School and not Bharat Driving School as reported.

In a clarification issued on Tuesday, the ACB said that it was wrongly mentioned that the complainant Sajid Abrar Ali was the owner of Bharat Driving School. But Ali in fact is the owner of Indian Driving School, the release said.

Obituary

Hanumantha Nayaka

Mysuru, Aug. 4- K.M. Hanumantha Nayaka (81), retired attender at Maharaja's Junior College and a resident of Devaraja Mohalla, passed away yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife Tulasamma, four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Corruption case

HC issues notice to B.S. Yediyurappa, B.Y. Vijayendra and others

Bengaluru, Aug. 4- In a setback to former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa ahead of the State Cabinet formation, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday ordered issuance of notice to the former CM, his son B.Y. Vijayendra, grandson Shashidhar Maradi, son-in-law Virupakshappa Maradi, daughter Padmavathi, son-in-law Sanjay Shri, Yeshwanthpur MLA S.T. Somashekar, Industrialist Chandrakant Ramalingam, Dr. G.C. Prakash and K. Ravi in connection with a corruption case .

Social activist T.J. Abraham had filed a private complaint at the People Representatives Special Court accusing the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and his family members of corruption in the implementation of BDA's (Bangalore Development Authority) Housing Project. He had also sought filing of an FIR under the Prevention of Corruption Act. But the Special Court had rejected the private petition on the grounds that the Governor had rejected permission to prosecute Yediyurappa, who was the Chief Minister then. Later, Abraham moved the High Court questioning the Special Court's ruling.

A Single-Judge Bench of the High Court comprising Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav, which heard Abraham's plea yesterday, ordered issuance of notices to all those named in the petition. Abraham argued that now as Yediyurappa is no more the Chief Minister, prior sanction to prosecute him was not needed, it is learnt.

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Babies with a price tag...

Child selling racket thrives in Mysuru

Mother-daughter duo arrested; two children rescued

Mysuru Superintendent of Police R. Chethan addressing a press conference at his office this morning as Additional SP R. Shivakumar, Nanjangud Dy.SP Govindaraju and Nanjangud Inspector Lakshmikantha Talawar look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru is not new to child trafficking rackets. Shockingly, the gangs thrive and notably, the city areas are the breeding grounds for the deals to flourish. Though some arrests are made from time to time, repeated incidents of baby selling shows how law enforcement agencies have not been able to end their trail of trafficking despite having arrested them multiple times.

At a press conference at his office this morning, Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan has warned both baby sellers and baby buyers that law would catch up with them.

"Child selling and buying is illegal and all adoptions must be made through Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA). The Police, Health Department and Women & Child Welfare Department are jointly collaborating to bring racketeers to book," he said.

Mother and daughter involved

Revealing how the well-oiled racket thrived in Mysuru, the SP said that two persons — Shrimathi alias Saraswathi and daughter Srilakshmi — have been arrested for selling a baby from Nanjangud to a childless couple at Holenarasipura in Hassan. One more child was sold to a childless couple in Kollegal. The deal was brokered by kingpin Shrimathi who had been arrested in 2016 for being part of a similar racket.

Shrimathi is a nurse/ consultant who worked at many medical centres and had approached Jyothi, a resident of Thyagaraja Colony in Nanjangud. Jyothi was paid Rs. 4 lakh for the baby and the money has been recovered from her. Jyothi had married Mahadeva six years back and their first child died in the womb three years back.

Jyothi became pregnant again and she confided with Srimathi that she is unable to take care of her child well due to poverty. The deal was struck during pregnancy and in the meantime, Mahadev too breathed his last. Shrimathi brought Jyothi to SLES Multispeciality Hospital in N.R. Mohalla where the latter underwent Caesarean Section to give birth to the male child.

After the childbirth, Shrimathi took the baby from the mother and sold it to Yeshodamma and Basavaraju of Holenarasipura in Hassan for an undisclosed amount. Meanwhile, Anganwadi workers, led by Shashikala, who had knowledge about Jyothi's pregnancy, visited the latter's house recently to supply nutritious food.

Two children rescued

Shashikala, who had the child birth in their records, questioned the woman about the child when the latter replied that the child had died. Unconvinced by her evasive replies, Shashikala asked the woman about the cremation details and here too the woman fumbled for answers.

Later, Shashikala informed the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) and also the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). A Police complaint was lodged at Nanjangud Town Police Station and subsequently, 60-year-old Shrimathi alias Saraswathi was arrested from Nanjangud. As the Police had prior information about Shrimathi's activities, she was subjected to intense grilling.

Shrimathi told the Police that one more girl child born to Manjula and Manoj couple was sold to Chaitra and Umesh of Kollegal. This deal was brokered by Shrimathi's daughter 31-year-old Srilakshmi, also a resident of Nanjangud.

"The racket thrived in Mysuru with the help of SLES Multispeciality Hospital in N.R. Mohalla where documents of the child and parents are created not in the name of biological parents but in the name of the couple who pay money to buy the child," SP Chethan said.

Cases have been booked against the Hospital too and teams are tracing other accused who are at large, he added.

Highest bidder gets the babies

The racketeers flouted the extremely stringent adoption rules in India and had indulged in forgery and falsification of documents. Poverty of the biological parents and the childless state of couples are the main weapons of the racketeers. The racketeers obviously had connections in high places and the Police are investigating in all angles, the SP said.

"Poverty-stricken biological parents are convinced to give away their infants. These infants in turn were given to childless couples and the children were sold to the highest bidder. We have rescued both the children and they are now being taken care of at Bapuji Children's Home in the city," Chethan added.

Additional SP R. Shivakumar, Nanjangud Dy.SP Govindaraju, Nanjangud Inspector Lakshmikantha Talawar, Sub-Inspectors Vijay Raj and Cheluvaiah and others were present.

SWR resumes season tickets facility for train commuters

Validity of previous season tickets to be extended

Mysuru, Aug. 4 - The issuance of season tickets on Indian Railways was suspended following the imposition of restrictions to combat the surge of Coronavirus pandemic towards the end of March last year.

Now, consequent upon the easing of lockdown regulations in Karnataka, South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to resume the facility of monthly season tickets to commuters with effect from Aug.3, 2021 through Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) at Railway Stations and on UTSONMOBILE App.

Suspension of train services to comply with the lockdown restrictions has resulted in season ticket holders losing a number of days despite holding a valid season ticket issued prior to Mar.23, 2020. It has now been decided to extend the validity of such season ticket to the extent of days lost and will be enabled from Aug.9, 2021 onwards across UTS counters.

As in the past, season ticket holders will be permitted to travel only by unreserved trains and unreserved coaches duly adhering to standard social distancing guidelines and hygiene protocols onboard trains and in Railway premises, according to a press release from Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, SWR, Mysuru Division.

Columbia Asia conducts webinar to create awareness on lower back and spine care

Dr. Maqsood Ahmed, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Columbia Asia Hospitals, Mysuru, explains about the spine structure in relation to back pain during the webinar.

Mysuru, Aug. 4- With the sedentary lifestyle, lower back pain has become one of the major health problems among many people today.

To create awareness among people about the lower back surgeries and its importance, Columbia Asia Hospitals, Mysuru (a Unit of Manipal Hospitals), had organised a webinar on Discectomy.

In all, 86 people from all walks of life, including Professors, techies, businessmen, homemakers from Mysuru, Kodagu and Mandya, attended the webinar.

According to WHO, lower back pain is a very common health problem worldwide and a major cause of disability. It can affect the performance at work as well as general well-being.

An individual can experience lower back pain at any age and it can be due to various reasons like sitting posture, lifting heavy objects, lack of physical activity, disc injuries, accidents etc.

Dr. Maqsood Ahmed, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Columbia Asia Hospitals, who discussed about the lower back and spine care, said: "People tend to delay treatment for back pain thinking it will subside on its own, which is not right. If the pain is severe and lasts longer than a few weeks, it is important to get medical help."

"People need to identify the chronic symptoms of lower back pain like back pain radiating down the legs, weakness of feet or difficulty in gripping the slippers, experiencing pain and numbness of legs while walking etc. Surgical intervention like Discectomy helps in relieving this pain and helps patients to regain their mobility in such cases," he said.

"Discectomy is a surgery to remove lumbar (low back) herniated disc material that is pressing on a nerve root or the spinal cord which will in turn decrease the pain and restore normal movement and function. The surgery usually does not take long and patients do not have to worry about prolonged hospital stays. Patients can also be rest assured that this surgery is safe and free of side effects," he added.

No marriage, birthday or anniversary celebrations in Police Stations: DGP Praveen Sood

Bengaluru, Aug. 4 (SSV)- Close on the heels of incidents of anti-social elements taking part in birthday celebrations of Police personnel in Police Stations, Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG-IGP) Praveen Sood has issued a circular against any celebrations inside Police Stations.

Praveen Sood

Even if it is organised to welcome new staff members or send off to retired/transferred personnel, they must ensure that no private individual take part in the celebrations other than Police personnel.

Recently, the State Police Department faced embarrassment in public when some anti-social elements took part in birthday, send off or welcome celebrations held inside Police Stations and the videos of which were circulated in the social media.

These posts in public platform had tarnished the image of the Police Department. In the wake of this, the DG-IGP Sood has issued a circular about the do's and don'ts to be strictly followed by every personnel.

What the circular says

• Police personnel must not have any kind of relationship with anti-social elements, rowdies and persons with criminal records.

• Since Police Stations, Circle Offices, Sub-Division Offices are public offices, no birthday, marriage or anniversaries must be celebrated inside these offices.

• Police personnel must not attend any function participated by anti-social elements and criminal record persons.

• Before participating in any private function, Police officers must check the antecedents of individuals or organisations.

• Police personnel are permitted to attend private functions organised in connection with crime prevention and traffic awareness programmes.

• No outside person must be allowed to participate in send off or welcome functions organised in Police Stations.

• Police personnel must not forcefully collect money from the general public or from the staff for functions without the knowledge of senior officers.

• Superintendent of Police must take the responsibility of strict compliance of the circular in their jurisdictional Police Stations.

Ugrappa slams State Govt., Centre for step-motherly attitude

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (RKB&SSV)- Former MP and KPCC Spokesperson V.S. Ugrappa has accused both the State and the Union Governments of turning a blind eye to the problems of people due to unprecedented floods and steep rise in Corona positive cases.

Former MP and KPCC Spokesperson V.S. Ugrappa addressing a news conference in city yesterday as Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar looks on.

Addressing a news conference here yesterday, he said that no relief work has begun even after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited the flood-hit areas. The Union Government has shown a step-motherly attitude towards the State. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi did the aerial survey to take stock of floods in Gujarat, he did not do it when the floods hit Karnataka. When B.S. Yediyurappa was the Chief Minister in 2009, the then Leader of Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly Siddharamaiah had requested the then PM Dr. Manmohan Singh to visit the flood-hit areas in Karnataka and also got crores of rupees as relief released from Government of India. But the present situation was totally contrasting.

Ugrappa said the BJP had criticised the Congress Party for its 'High Command culture' and 'cover culture' in the selection of CM and the Ministers. The same culture was now seen in BJP with PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah calling the shots in finalising the list of Karnataka Ministers. The selection of Ministers was the prerogative of the CM and if this power was snatched away by the BJP High Command, it will show that saffron party did not have faith on the Constitution and Democracy.

'Mouni babas'

MLC A.H. Vishwanath and MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal who were vocal criticisers of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in the last four months, have become 'Mouni Babas' after Basavaraj Bommai became the CM. The duo had accused Yediyurappa and his family of receiving kickbacks, but the Central investigation agencies did not take it seriously. Are Vishwanath and Yatnal still stuck to their statements?

29 Ministers sworn-in

(Continued from page 1)

However, MLC MTB Nagaraj, who lost to Sharath Bachegowda in 2019 bypolls from Hoskote in Bengaluru Rural district, too was inducted. He had represented the seat while in the Congress before. Another inducted MLC Kota Srinivas Poojary is from Udupi but also represents Dakshina Kannada.

Though B. Sriramulu is from Ballari district, he represents Molakalmuru Assembly segment in Chitradurga district.

While two of the three Deputy Chief Ministers in the previous Yediyurappa Cabinet — Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan and Govind Karjol — succeeded in becoming Ministers in the Bommai Cabinet, the other Dy.CM Laxman Savadi has been left out.

Former CM Yediyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra, State BJP Vice-President, who was expected to get a Cabinet berth, has not been considered.

The Ministers of the previous BSY Cabinet, who were not included are: R. Shankar, Srimanth Patil, S. Suresh Kumar, Jagadish Shettar, C.P. Yogeeshwar, Aravind Limbavali and Laxman Savadi.

The new Cabinet includes 8 Lingayat, 7 Vokkaliga, 7 OBC, 3 SC, one ST and one woman Minister. The portfolios will be allotted in a couple of days, it is learnt.

Old Mysuru region gets a raw deal

The six old Mysuru region districts of Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Ramanagara and Mandya have got a raw deal again as only K.C. Narayanagowda, who represents K.R. Pet Assembly segment in Mandya district, has been inducted in the Cabinet while five other districts have nil representation. These districts had little representation in the previous BSY Cabinet too with only two Ministers — Narayanagowda and Yogeeshwar.

At least six aspirants from these districts were hoping to get into the new Ministry. But to their utter disappointment, none of these aspirants, who chiefly included K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan, Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda and Gundlupet MLA C.S. Niranjan Kumar, have made it to the Cabinet.

The new Cabinet has an imbalance in terms of representation of districts is concerned. While Bengaluru City has seven Ministers and several other districts such as Haveri (including CM Bommai who represents Shiggaon Assembly in the district), Belagavi, Tumakuru, Shivamogga and Bagalkot have two Ministers each, 13 districts, most of whom are politically and strategically important big districts, have no representation at all. They are: Mysuru, Kodagu, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Vijayapura, Raichur, Kolar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Ramanagara, Ballari and Davanagere.

It may be mentioned, Basavaraj Bommai took oath as the Chief Minister on July 28, two days after B.S. Yediyurappa quit as the Chief Minister on July 26.

Bommai, who had gone to New Delhi on Aug.1, returned to Bengaluru only this morning along with the BJP High Command-approved list of Ministers and handed it over to the Governor.

The CM, who later addressed a press meet, said that the list of Ministers has been sent to the Raj Bhavan and all those who find mention in the list will be inducted at a function to take place in Raj Bhavan at 2.15 pm.

Pointing out that there will be no Deputy Chief Ministers in his Cabinet, he however did not spell out the names of Ministers who found mention in the list.

Corona third wave to start by month end, will reach peak in October: IIT researchers

New Delhi, Aug. 4 (SSV)- IIT researchers have opined that the mathematical models suggests a rise in cases of COVID-19 pandemic this month in sync with gradual opening up of various activities and this may lead to a peak of over one lakh cases in October in the worst-case scenario.

However, they have also added that the third wave, if at all it comes, may not be as scary as the second one as long as no new mutant which passes through all kinds of immunity arrives on the scene.

There will be a slight increase towards the end of August and through September. It is mainly because of the lockdown is lifted and not due to any new variant. There is no sign of any new mutant anywhere and without a new variant, the third wave will just be a ripple, observed M. Vidyasagar, IIT, Hyderabad and Manindra Agarwal of IIT, Kanpur.

The Corona Positivity Rate (CPR) has increased in ten States including Kerala and Maharashtra. The third wave is confirmed if any State records more than 5,000 positive cases daily. The outbreak of this virus in big States was very dangerous as it will spread to other places. When the second wave had reached the peak on May 7, the country had recorded over four lakh positive cases daily and subsequently the number dwindled. It is expected that the third wave may not see that much of cases due to natural immunity and vaccinating people. More vaccination will brings down the intensity of the pandemic, they pointed out.

Even if there is a third wave, it will not be as intensive as the second wave. Already, 30 percent of people have taken two doses and 70 percent have taken the first dose. Nearly 20 percent of people, after contracting the virus, have developed natural immunity. So, the third wave will not be of much serious.

—Dr. Sudarshan Ballal,
Head, Manipal Hospital

Footpath encroachment clearance drive

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (KS)- Continuing their drive against footpath encroachers, Devaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who conducted the drives at their respective jurisdictions yesterday, have issued 25 notices against footpath encroachers besides registering cases and collecting spot fines from the offenders.

During the drive conducted on Jayaram Pandit Road, Mission Hospital Road, Ramavilas Road, K.V. Road, Mahadevapura Road, Temple Road and Koorgalli Road, the Traffic Cops have registered 19 cases under Karnataka Police Act and three cases under Indian Motor Vehicle act besides collecting Rs. 3,000 spot fine and issuing notices to footpath encroachers. DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharswamy guided Inspectors and staff of all Traffic Police Stations in the footpath encroachment clearance drives.

Two friends from city...

Ride from Kashmir to Kanyakumari on a record attempt

By S. Kenneth Shishir

Two friends from the Heritage City of Mysuru —Chaitanya and Sagar Avina — have attempted to make it to the Indian Book of Records after riding on two bikes from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in three days and 17 hours.

Chaitanya is pursuing his final year BCA at Vidya Vikas College while Sagar Avina, a Karate black belt and Vice-President of Akhila Karnataka Nela Jala Parisara Samrakshana Vedike, completed his degree last year. The duo left Mysuru on June 25 and reached Kashmir on July 10.

For the record attempt, Chaitanya and Sagar left Kashmir on July 11 at about 9 pm on Hero XPulse 200 and Bajaj Pulsar NS200 bikes and reached Kanyakumari on July 15 at about 2 pm, covering a distance of about 3,700 kilometres.

"The bikers' paradise, Ladakh trip started from Manali with a plan to reach Sarchu crossing the most beautiful Atal tunnel and Rohtang Pass. Crossing so many hard paths, we were able to find a shelter in the freezing cold weather at Zingzing, a few kilometres before Sarchu. The difficult ride was in Uttarakhand. It was raining heavily since six hours and we had to ride at a speed of between 30 and 40 kms. We experienced difficulties in Uttar Pradesh too," said Chaitanya.

Travelling an average 900 kilometres a day, the duo did not sleep during the record attempt, but instead took rest for about two to three hours during nights at roadside dhabas and continued with their journey.

"Sometimes, we could not find a place to rest. We had carried a tent which we used to pitch in petrol bunks and refreshed ourselves before taking rest for some time and resuming the bike journey," Chaitanya disclosed.

Sagar Avina (left) seen with his Pulsar 200 NS bike and Chaitanya (right) posing with his Hero XPulse 200 bike at Sarchu in the Himalayas on Leh-Manali Highway.

Complete journey in three days, 17 hours

Recalling an incident, he said that while riding in Jammu, the antenna fixed to his bike which was carrying the National Flag brushed against another vehicle during a traffic jam, causing a commotion. But a traveller from Punjab intervened and sorted out the issue, he added.

BREAKDOWNS

Riding from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, one has to be ready to face breakdown of vehicles and hence these riders had carried brake pads, clutch units, throttle cables, chain lubes and puncture kits including emergency tools. "The first breakdown was in Ladak, where the clutch plate was burnt while crossing a stream. The journey resumed after I replaced the burnt clutch plates. The second breakdown took place in Agra, when the brake pads of the rear wheel got damaged. After that, there were no issues till we reached Kanyakumari," Chaitanya sighed.

He said that the record attempt has been accepted and verified by the Indian Book of Records and they are yet to receive the Certificate.

Sagar and Chaitanya posing for a photograph at Turtuk village, one of the northern-most villages of India.

11 city students reject II PU results

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (RK&DM)- As many as 878 students in the State have rejected their second PUC results (2020-21) and submitted applications to re-appear in the annual exam scheduled to be held on Aug.19.

In Mysuru district, 11 students have rejected the results and will appear for the Aug.19 exam.

Mysuru DDPUE Srinivas said that 11 students, who were not satisfied with results, have applied for exam. Also, 6 students who had registered in 2020 to better their results, too will appear for exam. As such, the Department is making arrangements for conducting the exam for 17 (11+6) students, he said.

These students do not have the option of going back to the initial results. Most of the 878 students, including 11 in Mysuru, want to improve their marks as they think their SSLC marks affected their results, he added.

II PU exam (2020-21) was not held this year due to COVID-19 and all students who had registered, were promoted based on their SSLC marks, I and II PU internal marks, with an addition of 5 percent grace marks.

Entries invited for best Kannada book prize

Mysuru, Aug. 4- The Karnataka Sahitya Academy has invited entries from writers and publishers for awarding best Kannada book prize for the year 2020. The books may be of any form — Prose, Poetry, Novel, Short Stories, Plays, Children's literature, Biographies etc. One book from each form will be awarded prize. The books must be published between Jan.1, 2020 and Dec.31,2020 and should be first printed in 2020.

Four copies of each book must be sent to the Registrar, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Kannada Bhavan, 2nd Floor, J.C.Road, Bengaluru-2 either through Registered post or through Courier or in person before Sept.15. For more details, call Ph: 080-22211750.

Appointed as MRC Secretary & CEO

Mysuru, Aug. 4- NHS Mani has been appointed as the Secretary and CEO of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd. by the Managing Committee of the MRC. Mani has an experience of over 30 years with Royal Western India Turf Club (RWITC) Limited, Mumbai and Pune and retired as Secretary & CEO of RWITC, according to a press release from L. Vivekananda, Chairman, MRC.

Mani

CRICKET TALK

By V.N. Prasad

Tour of India Team 2 to Sri Lanka. Was it necessary?

BCCI sending Team 1 to England for traditional Test Series and Team 2 to Sri Lanka for limited overs cricket seemingly lacked maturity. Yes, benevolent disposition of BCCI towards the ailing economy of Cricket Sri Lanka was in good taste; but it boomeranged in terms of quality of cricket played. Our boys looked absolutely pedestrian in the 2-1 ODIs and 2-1 T20s. And yes. I had the belief that India is now capable of blooding in 'Two Teams of International Class'. Going by the results here, we have a long way to go I am afraid.

Rahul Dravid's contingent looked strong on paper; although Arjuna Ranatunga dismissed the side as far too low by international standards. Sri Lankans themselves have not recovered at all after the exit of stalwarts like Sanath Jayasuriya, Lasith Malinga, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, etc. Young SL batsmen are grooming but yet to achieve international class. In such a scenario, cricket lovers in India and across the world expected India Team 2 to register emphatic series victories both in the ODIs and T20s. Expectations were belied grossly — all due to poor quality of the games played.

My good friend Bapu Sathyanarayan called after the ODIs — "Hey Prasad, how do you rate this 2-1 series victory?" I said, "Providential. In the 2nd ODI, chasing 277, we were 116 for 5 having lost our top order. Had our fast bowler Deepak Chahar not scored 69 in partnership with Bhuvi, we would have lost the match and eventually the series. We were lucky."

We could not have expected a better coach and manager than Rahul Dravid to inspire young guns. But most looked incompetent. Poor and sketchy performances, Gavaskar's ire, Dravid's defense, COVID et alia, it was a boring series wherein golden opportunities were squandered; much to the embarrassment of Dravid.

However, congratulations to India Team 2 on lifting the ODI trophy and the Sri Lankans on lifting the T20 trophy. In the right earnest, there were discussions on individual performances, maturity and consistency.

Prithvi Shaw: His stroke play is delightful to watch, no doubt. But bowlers at international levels watch videos, strategise ploys to get him. Excessive back lift and urgency to score makes him vulnerable against outgoing deliveries. Good that he has been called over to England. But he needs tremendous patience to build an inning.

S.K. Yadav: He stroked the ball well and confidently. Is a powerful young lad. With a bit of mind training for big occasions, he could well be a Damien Martyn for India. He is a brilliant fielder. Good that he also has been called over to England. Best to him.

Sanju Samson: He was found wanting in IPL. When he scores, his knocks are like poetries; with flowing drives and pulls. When set fully looking at big scores, he throws away his wicket with gay abandon. In both the IPL and in Sri Lanka he just did that; much to the disgust of many.

Manish Pandey: Sorry. He is in limelight for pretty long time. With the chances that he has been offered, he should have been a certainty in India A Team — let alone in Team 2. The way he got out were far too unconvincing for an experienced batsman like him. He needs to do a lot of introspection.

Hardik Pandya: Is he a fast fading star? Is he physically fit fully after his back injuries? A star who was expected to fill the slot of a genuine 'All Rounder' in Team A seems to be fading away and quickly. Every dismissal was awkward. He needs to talk to himself.

Ishan Kishan: On debut, facing the 1st ball, this kid smote it for a six. Looked good. Congrats to him on scoring 50 on debut. The inning lacked grace and what followed in the next match was mere writing on the wall. Bravado does not work at international levels my friend.

R. Chakravarthy, K. Gowtham, Y. Chahal: None looked to trouble any of the SL batsmen. They were all mediocre to say the least.

Having summarised the much avoidable tour, our concentration is on our National Side at England. Wish the team all the best.

Issuance of degrees to 2012-13 batch

Vedike launches postcard campaign against KSOU

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (PM&DM)- Accusing the city-based KSOU (Karnataka State Open University) of making moves to issue degrees to 77,000 students of 2012-13 batch of its now terminated Academic Collaborative Institutions in violation of UGC/DEC (University Grants Commission/ Distance Education Council) orders, Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike, held a postcard (addressed to Karnataka Governor) campaign in front of the MCC Main Office on New Sayyaji Rao Road here yesterday.

Addressing the protesters, Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu claimed that the KSOU authorities are trying to issue degrees to thousands of 2012-13 batch students of its now terminated Academic Collaborative Institutions, though unrecognised by New Delhi's DEC and UGC.

Noting that a Special Leave Petition (SLP) on the issue is still pending in the Court, he accused the KSOU of making silent moves to issue degrees to 2012-13 students, without orders from the Court or directions from the Government.

Calling for the intervention of the Governor on the issue, Shivaramu said that the postcard campaign is aimed at urging the Government to issue directions to KSOU to stop the issuance of degrees. He also wanted action on the recommendations of Justice Bhaktavatsalam Report, which probed alleged irregularities in KSOU.

Vedike office-bearers Lokesh kumar, R.K. Ravi, Harish Moganna and others were present.

KSCA: Calling women cricketers

Mysuru, Aug. 4- An open selection trial to pick three/ four teams to participate in the selection matches (senior women) during the third week of August at Bengaluru will be held on Aug. 8 from 9.30 am onwards at the KSCA-B Ground.

Girls interested in participating in the selection trials may report at 9 am on the said date and venue in cricketing attire.

Girls from mofussil centres will be provided dormitory/ room accommodation on the morning of Aug. 8 for freshening up/ stay for a day, said a press release from S. Sudhakar Rai, Convenor, KSCA Mysuru.

Farmers, Dalits demand Pandemic Period Special Weightage for SSLC students

Mysuru, Aug. 4 (PM&DM)- Urging the Government to announce Pandemic Period Special Weightage for SSLC students coming from rural areas, Dalit and oppressed families, hilly regions and tribal belts and farmers under the banner of KRRS (Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha) and DSS (Dalit Sangharsha Samiti) staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office here yesterday.

Pointing out that SSLC students from rural and remote areas were a disadvantaged lot during the COVID crisis when compared to their urban counterparts who had all the facilities for online learning, the protesters wanted the Government to announce Pandemic Period Special Weightage in results, a priority based admission system in higher classes both in Private and Government Educational Institutions, consideration of this weightage in Post-SSLC academic choices, student scholarships and other financial assistance and incorporation of this weightage in Government and private appointments in future, for students from these underprivileged sections of the society.

WORD OF THE DAY

Guttural

Pronunciation: GUTT-uh-rul.
Meaning: Articulated in the throat; velar; being or marked by utterance that is strange, unpleasant, or disagreeable.
Origin: Though it is now used to describe many sounds or utterances which strike the listener as harsh or disagreeable, the adjective guttural was originally applied only to sounds and utterances produced in the throat. This is reflected in the word's Latin root—guttur, meaning "throat." Despite the similarity in sound, guttural is not related to the English word gutter, which comes (by way of Anglo-French) from Latin gutta, meaning "drop."
Example: We asked the bouncer for directions, but he only responded with an inarticulate guttural grunt.

THE ODD WORD

Galliot

Small galley.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Give the benefit of the doubt

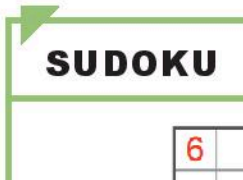
Meaning: To believe someone even though you may feel skeptical about what they are saying. To believe that a person is innocent and that the charges against them are false or inaccurate.
Origin: This expression has been around since at least the 1820s. For example, it was used in multiple newspapers during that time. One such newspaper called *The Australian,* May 1827, reads: "If the evidences examined against him are to be believed, then he is guilty of the offence; but if on the other hand you do not believe them, then the case is not proved, and you will give the prisoner the benefit of the doubt you entertain of the credibility of the witnesses."
Another example we can look at shows up one year earlier. This instance is and the earliest one could find this phrase in print. It comes from *The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* newspaper, April 1826:
"Inasmuch as they came forward disinterested, and that at any rate where it was only equal in point of number, the defendant by the benignant construction of British jurisprudence, was entitled to the benefit of the doubt."

QUOTE BOX

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.—**Mae West**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus



Answer :Fish in troubled waters.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Hyphen
5 It's not the whole thing
9 Librarian's admonition
12 North central US state
13 At your full height, should we say? (2,3-3)
15 A stout pole used for a vessel's mast
16 Made out of skins of animals
17 A person used to serve as a tool for another? (4-3)
19 Platform for a coffin
20 Pronoun for a girl
21 Bombay High contraption - "Oi Girl" anagram? (3,3)
23 Overflowed
26 Toward the stern
27 ___ Dhabi : capital of United Arab Emirates?
28 Compassion
29 Adipose
30 Far from beautiful
31 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
32 Gear tooth
33 Fencing swords
34 Higher in rank
36 Commonwealth Games in short
37 Another word for 'girl'
38 Up-draught
42 Bandage
44 Roomy or breezy
45 Without warning
46 "Need" anagram for a small valley
47 Munich the
48 Abandoned
49 Son of Seth, grandson of Adam?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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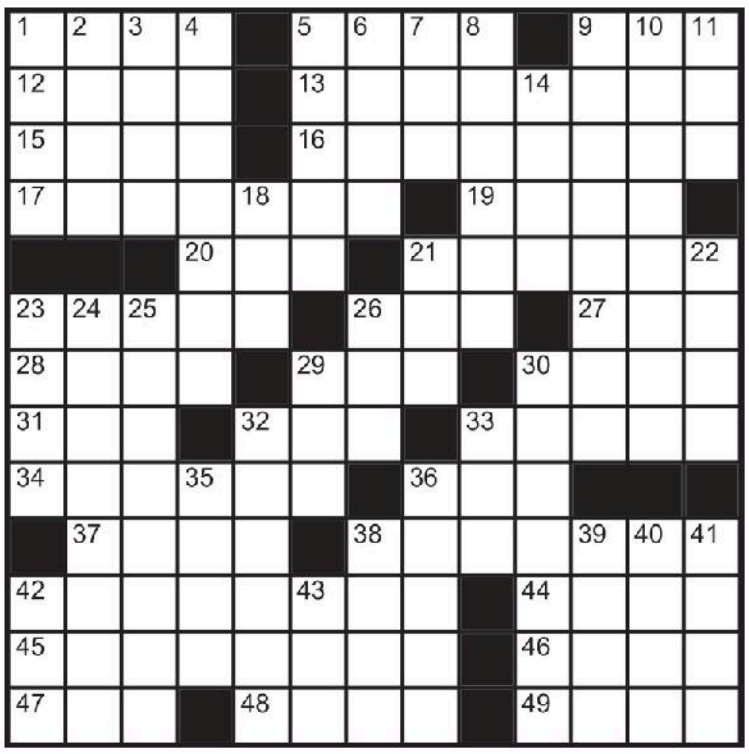
DOWN
1 Flat plate
2 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
3 Hit hard or crush, fly etc. with a blow
4 In a caustic or rasping manner
5 Type of bear
6 Once more
7 Required Time of Arrival
8 A tasty little piece of food (3-3)
9 Cheapest shipboard accommodation
10 Awful
11 Egg-layer
14 ___ Edmonds : English spinner of the days gone by?
18 Domesticated animal
21 Frequently
22 Supporting ropes?
23 Mineral spring resorts
24 Supply route (4-4)
25 Capital of Arunachal Pradesh
26 Local fire or famous Hindi movie of days gone by?
29 In place of
30 Raise status
32 To do with the ribs
33 Female sheep
35 Middle of Caesar's saying (1,3)
36 The front, upper part of the body
38 Unclean or unfit for use according to Jewish law
39 Manner or bearing
40 River of Italy
41 Alkaline solutions
42 Colloquial word for a lord?
43 Abstract noun suffix



SUDOKU

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			2	9				7
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	6	8		3				5

Answer to previous puzzle

1	3	7	8	4	6	5	9	2
6	5	4	9	7	2	8	3	1
8	9	2	3	1	5	6	7	4
3	6	5	2	8	1	9	4	7
2	8	1	7	9	4	3	6	5
4	7	9	5	6	3	1	2	8
9	1	6	4	5	7	2	8	3
7	2	8	1	3	9	4	5	6
5	4	3	6	2	8	7	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PGFBWXA TIPV QG BWX WEYPG MWPAPMBXA

QC BWPB XUXAOKFSO VPGBC BF KEQIS PGS

GFKFSO VPGBC BF SF YPQGBXGPGMX.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The problem with people who have no vices is that generally you can be pretty sure they're going to have some pretty annoying virtues.

TOKYO GAMES 2020 (July 23 - August 8, 2021)

India's Boxer Borgohain bows out with Bronze

Loses to Busenaz Surmeneli of Turkey in Semis

***Busenaz Surmeneli** (red) **of Team Turkey exchanges punches with Lovlina Borgohain of Team India during the Women's Welter (64-69kg) semi-final on day twelve of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games at Kokugikan Arena in Tokyo, Japan, today (Aug. 4).** [Pic: Internet]*

Tokyo, Aug. 4- India's Lovlina Borgohain took home the bronze medal after losing the semi-final bout to top seed Busenaz Surmeneli of Turkey via unanimous decision today.

Lovlina lost the first round 0:5 as all the judges gave the decision in favour of the Turkish boxer. Lovlina was warned and a point was deducted of her total points in the second round. In the third and final round, Lovlina was outboxed by the reigning world champion.

With a bronze medal, Lovlina became only the third Indian boxer after Vijender Singh and Mary Kom to win an Olympic medal.

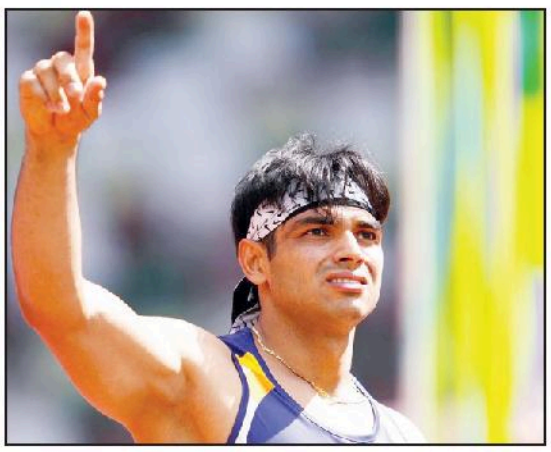
Lovlina had a tough Round of 16 bout against Germany's Nadine Apetz where she won via a split decision. In the quarterfinal, Lovlina punched her way into the semis with a 4:1 win over Chinese Taipei's Nien-Chin Chen.

Earlier in the day, wrestlers Ravi Dahiya and Deepak Punia won their initial two bouts to reach semi-finals. Both wrestlers will be in action later in the day and a win will assure both of at least a silver medal.

While Dahiya won 14-4 against Georgi Vangelov of Bulgaria in the men's Freestyle 57kg wrestling 1/4 Final and booked a place in the semi-finals, Punia continued his good show with a win against Zushen Lin of China 6-3 in the men's Freestyle 86kg wrestling 1/4 Final to qualify for the semi-finals.

***Deepak Punia** (blue) **in action against Zushen Lin of China at Tokyo. Picture below shows India's Ravi Dahiya** (blue) **in action against Georgi Vangelov of Bulgaria.** [Pics: Internet]*

Neeraj Chopra qualifies for men's javelin throw final in first attempt



Neeraj Chopra at Tokyo Olympics.

Tokyo, Aug. 4- Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra kept India's hopes of an elusive Olympic medal from track and field events alive by earning a direct qualification into the finals with a stunning throw of 86.65m that put him on the top of the Group A contest on Wednesday.

Competing in his first Olympics, the 23-year-old Chopra took just a few seconds to make to the final round to be held on Saturday as he sent the spear well past the qualifying mark of 83.50m in his first attempt.

Chopra's performance on Saturday will go down as one of the best performances by an Indian in the Olympics, as he finished ahead of gold medal favourite and 2017 World Champion Johannes Vetter of Germany.

Vetter, who had earlier said that Chopra will find it tough to beat him in the Olympics, struggled in his first two throws before crossing the automatic qualification mark with a 85.64m final throw.

The 28-year-old towering German, who came into the Olympics after having seven monster throws of 90m-plus between April and June, was lying at a dangerous seventh position after his first two throws but eventually qualified for the final at second.

Finland's Lassi Etelatalo also advanced to the final as an automatic qualifier with a first round throw of 84.50m.

Those who touch 83.50m mark or the 12 best performers qualify for the final on Saturday. A farmer's son from Khandra village near Panipat in Haryana who took up athletics to shed flab on his body, Chopra left the javelin arena after his first throw, having secured his place in the final easily.

Shivpal Singh, the other Indian in the fray, will try to qualify for the final from the Group B qualifications later in the day.

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
	(S-3)	11.10 am, 7 pm
Mortal Kombat (E)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 7 pm

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Mortal Kombat (E)	(S-1)	12.40 pm, 3.35 pm 6.30 pm
	(S-2)	11.40 am, 2.35 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-2)	5.30 pm
Timmarusu (Te)	(S-3)	12.00 noon, 6.10 pm
Trayam (Te)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Tokyo Olympics 2020 Medal Count

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	32	21	16	69
2	USA	25	29	22	76
3	Japan	20	7	12	39
62	India	0	1	2	3

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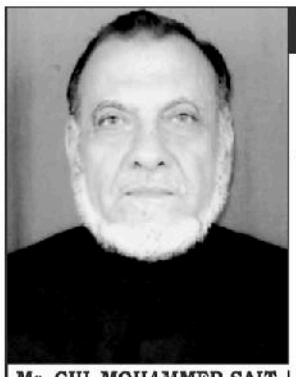

FOND REMEMBRANCE

Though our words can do little, even after 14 years you left us for your heavenly abode, our thoughts & prayers will always be with you, We are always following your ethics and dreams in all our endeavours.

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